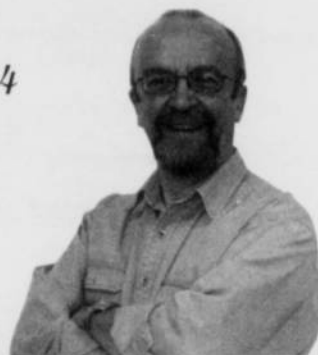


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Town launches revamped website and new info hotline

BY TIM DENOUDSTEN
Didsbury Review

The Town of Didsbury now has a redesigned online presence and a new community information phone number.

Both the website changes and the new hotline are aimed at improving service to residents, explained town mayor Brian Wittal.

"One thing we're trying to focus on is customer service, trying to make sure that we respond to concerns in an appropriate [amount of] time," he said.

New features of the newly revamped www.didsbury.ca website includes a current weather and a community calendar.

Furthermore, by the summertime, the site will have the capability to accept online payments, allowing residents to pay for utilities, dog licences and other expenses online.

This capability will be possible because the redesigned site was developed by the same company that provides the

town's financial software, Edmonton-based Bellamy Software.

Town council first determined the need for a more interactive website early in 2008.

The question at that time was "what can we do to our website to help provide better services to residents who like to pay their bills online, access their own information for taxes and different things?" said Wittal.

"We were working on expanding Didsbury with the annexation and all kinds of progression, so we felt that a new website was a piece of that," noted community services coordinator Nicole Aasen.

"It was a lot of hard work from the employees and the different departments that were contributing to it and we're really excited to have it up and running."

In addition to the modified website, the town has introduced a new information hotline, 403-335-2030, that residents can call with concerns or inquiries about anything from garbage pickup to

bylaw-related issues.

Residents were first introduced to the new phone number via a letter they received with their last utility bill.

"It's been in the works for a while but it's just finally been launched," said town communications assistant Stefanie Halfyard, who will be overseeing the new information line for the time being.

The new line will allow concerns to go directly from residents to the appropriate department for follow-up, thus reducing the risk of the comments being lost or misplaced.

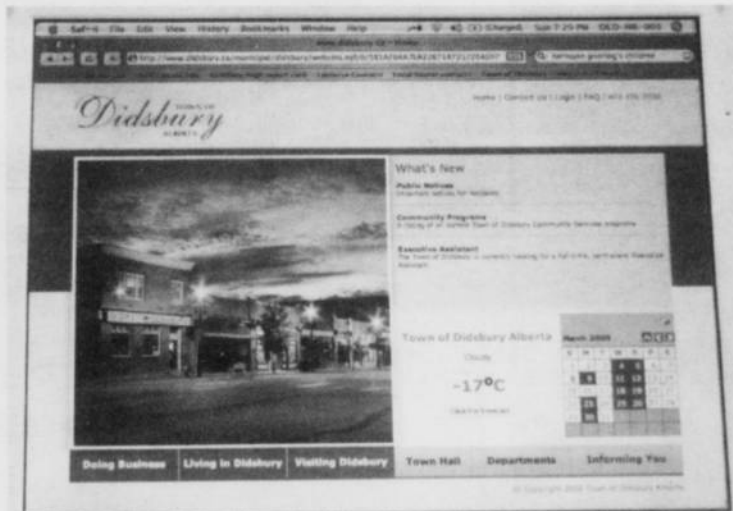
The goal is to "make sure that any issues or concerns are being addressed...and followed up [as well as] to make sure that the resident knows what the conclusion to that was and if they are happy with what was done," Wittal said.

Both the new website and routing calls through the information hotline will allow the front-desk administrative staff to work more efficiently, he added.



Carla Victor/Didsbury Review

WINTER DRIVING — Kade Kruger, 3, is glad to offer baby brother Zane a ride home from the toboggan hill after a fun day on the slopes with parents Kevin and Tricia.



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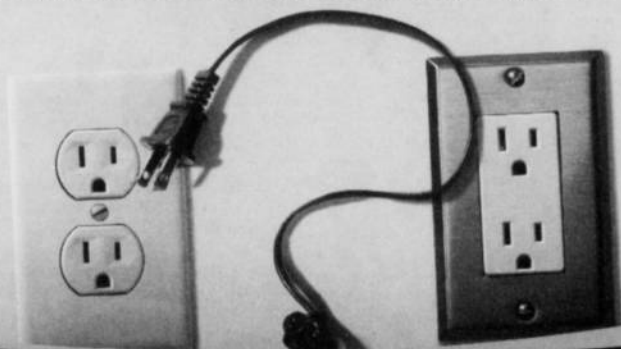
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Cody Dolan prepares to return to school

BY TIM DENOUDSTEN
Didsbury Review

After splitting the past seven months between his home and the hospital undergoing chemotherapy treatments, Didsbury's Cody Dolan is eager to get back to school.

The 13-year-old Westglen School Grade 8 student, who was diagnosed in August with osteosarcoma, a common type of bone cancer, said last Thursday that he is feeling "good" and misses hanging out with his friends.

The days following Cody's initial diagnosis in October were particularly hard for the family, recalls his mother, Terry.

"It seems like when he was first diagnosed we were always in hospital because he had a couple of complications," she says. "Just hospitals, that's all you do, and then you come home and it's like, 'Oh, this is real now.'"

Although Cody's leg had to be amputated as part of the treatment to remove the cancer, tests conducted following the operation indicated that he is now 100 per cent cancer-free.

He then began the chemotherapy treatments, which he has now nearly completed.

However, he will continue to have follow-up tests to monitor his recovery as well as determine any side effects from the treatments.

In addition, Cody will continue doing physiotherapy and is scheduled to receive a new prosthetic leg soon.

"It's been kind of like a whirlwind," Terry says of the ongoing treatment process.

"We're home for a couple days and we go back for four or five and it's just kind

of tough some days, pretty good other days."

However, the outpouring of financial and emotional support from the community has been a big help, she adds.

Several fundraisers have been held in the area to help offset Cody's medical costs, including a gala at the Olds Boston Pizza and a benefit event at Westglen School in November.

"The community's really been behind us a lot. I don't think we'd be where we are today without them," says Terry. "You're not going to



CODY DOLAN

find that in the big cities, that's for sure."

For his part, Cody is doing well and seems to be taking everything more or less in stride, Terry notes.

"Some days he has an off day but most days he's pretty good..."

All the people are amazed at him."

In preparation for his return to school, Cody has been studying some subjects to stay more or less caught up with his classmates and is eager to rejoin them soon.

In fact, if everything goes according to schedule, he could return as soon as mid-April, starting with half days and progressing to full days in May or June, if the doctors permit it.

"He's getting sick of always being home and in the hospital and stuff," says Terry. "Now that he sees the end, he's more optimistic."

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Behind the scenes at Theatre Didsbury

Carstairs performance of "First Things First" draws hundreds

The laughter of about 300 people filled Carstairs Community Hall last Saturday night as Theatre Didsbury performed its most recent production, "First Things First."

The play, a British situational comedy, revolves around two close friends, Pete (played by Gary Edwards) and George (Derek Lewis.) Pete has married his second wife, Sarah (Sydnie Gilbert) after believing that his first wife Jessica, has been killed in a climbing accident.

However, Jessica (Sue Kary) is still very much alive and one day suddenly returns home. Hilarity ensues as George and Pete try desperately to keep both wives happy as well as pacify Jessica's formidable mother, Margot (Wanda Braybrook.)

"It's funny; it's good, clean humour, which is all we're interested in doing in Theatre Didsbury and all we've been doing since 1993," explains Lewis, a co-founder of the troupe.

Theatre Didsbury was the brainchild of Lewis, Rick Phillips Sr. and Curt Engel. Eventually, AG Foods produce manager Tony Sylvestre also became involved.

It all began when the members of the Didsbury Figure Skating Club decided that they wanted to have a unique fundraising activity and settled on a murder mystery.

"For whatever reason they asked me to direct it," recalls Lewis with a laugh. Although he has been acting in community theatre for more than 30 years, he had not directed a production until that point.

Nevertheless, the play was a success and led to the formation of Theatre Didsbury, which now has a core group of about a dozen actors, mostly hailing from Mountain View County.

In the past, which play the group would stage next was chosen by committee.

However, "in the last three years, it's been a committee of one: me," Lewis chuckles.

After reviewing many scripts of comedic plays, he selects one that does not require a large amount of actors.

Once the script and actors are in place – usually in September – the group begins rehearsing at Rosebud Hall for between two and two-and-a-half hours two or three times per week.

"It's a huge commitment," says Lewis. "This season...we had a lot of trouble getting our rehearsals going because of a late harvest."

Live auditions are rarely held, but Lewis says that

he welcomes any aspiring actor who is willing to sacrifice his or her time and be a team player to give him a call at 403-335-4777.

However, attention-seeking showboaters need not apply.

"I have no time for prima donnas," warns Lewis.

Costs to stage a production are kept to a minimum, as the group uses no elaborate sets, only a simple black drape for a background and whatever props are necessary to establish the scene.

"A lot is left to the audience's imagination," Lewis notes, adding that this approach also gives the production a cleaner, more modern feel.

Costumes are also a low-budget affair, as most are either donated or purchased from thrift stores or Value Village.

To further reduce expenses, all of the drapes, props and costumes are stored in a spare garage lent to the group by a Didsbury homeowner.

The drapes, which typically last three to four seasons, are by far the group's largest investment.

"I was astounded by what I had to pay," says Lewis, who recently had to purchase a new set. "They're not cheap, but we've got to have them."

Theatre Didsbury will occasionally put on a private show for people who just want an evening's entertainment, but most of their plays are staged as fundraisers for various community groups such as agricultural societies and Lions clubs.

Last Saturday night's play benefited the Hugh Sutherland School grad committee.

The group's last showing of this season will be in Bentley on Apr. 18.

Because many of the performers and audience members are farmers, "we don't like to go beyond end of April, because that's when seeding starts," Lewis explains.

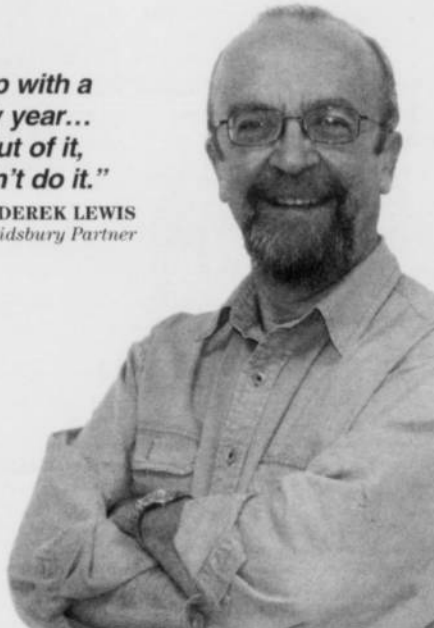
"At the end of the run, we're glad it's over, but at the same time it's bittersweet."

The plays are as much a release for the actors as they are an amusement for the audience, says Lewis, noting that cast members typically only make enough to cover their expenses.

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DEREK LEWIS
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Should Canada lower the blood-alcohol limit?

For

MARK LAYCOCK

In an effort to take a tougher stance on crime, the House of Commons Justice Committee is considering lowering the blood alcohol level from 80 milligrams to 50 milligrams of alcohol per 100 millilitres of blood.

Well, what can I say except that it's about time the government is considering taking an even tougher stance on drunk driving.

According to a 2005 report issued by Transport Canada, just under 40 per cent of the drivers killed in motor vehicle collisions in the country were found to have been drinking. About 8 per cent had between 1 and 8 milligrams of alcohol per 100 millilitres of blood, while about 18 per cent of those killed had between 80 and 160 milligrams.

Of course, the majority of deaths were the result of drivers that had greater than 160 milligrams of alcohol, but it still stands that almost half of all collision deaths were from drivers with blood alcohol content between 1 and 160 milligrams.

The Canada Safety Council has stated it opposes the move because lowering the limit will cause more delays in the criminal justice system because there will be a larger influx of incidents across the country.

I've always firmly believed in a very well known and simple principle: better safe than sorry.

By lowering the limit drivers will be less likely to think, "Well, OK, one more couldn't hurt." Furthermore, it will force more people to consider taking a taxi or riding with a friend when they head down to the local watering hole.

Under existing provisions, a person weighing 150 pounds (68 kilograms) could reach the legal limit after consuming about 2.7 bottles of beer in an hour. If the limit was lowered to 50 milligrams, then 1.7 bottles could designate someone of equal weight as being legally impaired.

I bet that would make many people think twice before cracking open that third bottle of beer.

Two years ago a few college classmates and I went down to the local Boston Pizza for a beer shortly after lunch. I had a single rye and Coke during my two and a half hour stay. The others, well, they downed about six pitchers of beer—how many they had after I left is anybody's guess.

The next day one of those students was bragging to his friends about how he was able to drive from the restaurant all the way to his house on the other side of the city (about a 15 minute drive) without getting caught or crashing his car.

There's only so much we can do to deter people from driving drunk, and no matter how low you put the limit there will always be those who reoffend and who will continue to drink and drive, but I'm a firm believer that most people just need a wake-up call to smarten them up.

Lowering the limit is just another step in knocking the message into the minds of Canadians.

I would rather have the courts have to deal with an increase in drunk driving cases knowing more people are going to be punished for their reckless disregard for other peoples' lives, than allow those same people to hit the road and possibly kill someone.

Better safe than sorry.



CORPORATE BIGSHOTS SAY BAILOUTS ARE THE ONLY WAY TO GO...

Against

TIM DENOUDSTEN

Reducing the legal blood-alcohol limit from 80 milligrams per cent down to 50 — as recently considered in the House of Commons — would be an egregious waste of both the court's time and taxpayers' money.

First off, it would put an even greater strain on an already overburdened justice system by making criminals out of decent, law-abiding people who know are responsible enough to stay within the current limits.

To be sure, driving while intoxicated to any degree is a poor decision. However, painting all drunk drivers with the same brush isn't the solution.

The driver who weaves all over the road on the QEII Highway with a blood-alcohol level of 100 mg per cent should be dealt with much more severely than someone driving safely who is pulled over at a checkpoint in downtown Didsbury and found to have a blood-alcohol level of only 50 mg per cent.

I agree with former Canada Safety Council (CSC) president Emile Therien, who recently remarked that "public safety is best served by dealing with drivers whose blood alcohol is below 80 outside the Criminal Code."

The last thing I want to see is the docket of the

Didsbury Provincial Court cluttered with unnecessary drunk driving cases.

Those in the legal system seem to agree; in fact, a recent CSC survey of crown prosecutors and defence counsels found impaired driving cases are taking longer and longer to process, while convictions can take up to a year or more.

This is largely because many people will battle hard against being convicted of an impaired driving charge to try to avoid receiving a criminal record.

"Outside the Criminal Code, consequences are much more sure and immediate, which creates a much more effective deterrent," noted Therien.

Not only does delaying a verdict mean that accused drivers have the opportunity to get back on the road and re-offend, but it also affects taxpayers in this county by increasing the workload of the court's legal aid lawyer, whose services are provided free of charge and funded through tax dollars.

Most significantly, however, the courts would be prevented from administering rehabilitation measures meant to get alcoholics who habitually drive while intoxicated off the road and into appropriate treatment programs.

I think a 45-day driving ban, with no criminal record as recently proposed by Mothers Against Drunk Driving, would be a sufficient penalty and be a satisfactory deterrent.

At the end of the day, the sobering fact of the matter is that the punishment must fit the crime.

Letter to the editor

Carbon dioxide is not the enemy

I am from the silent majority who think that CO2 is not the bad actor that the "green" people try to tell us. Plants require CO2 to grow. Whether you believe it or not the following applies:

Regarding the recovery of CO2 from the tarsands, this is a total waste of energy. The CO2 emitted from the tarsands is exhaust from heaters, boilers and engines.

To remove CO2, the exhaust gases must be

collected, cooled and compressed. The CO2 would then be concentrated with a chemical process, which will produce a high concentration of CO2 in a wet low-pressure stream. This stream would then have to be compressed and dehydrated and pipelined to injection wells.

Since wet CO2 is corrosive, a lot of expensive stainless steel equipment is required. All of these processes require a lot of energy. Electricity

is a clean energy source that could be used for much of this.

Since most of Alberta's electricity is generated with coal or natural gas we have a problem. In reality, for every tonne of CO2 disposed of from the tarsands we will exhaust a similar amount of CO2 from the generating stations in Alberta. All we are doing is changing the CO2 emission points with minimal (if any) reduction in the CO2 volume put into

the atmosphere.

What a waste of energy and our provincial government is not going to cut this spending when the bigger problem at the tarsand is water!

Do I have any experience in this field? As an engineer, I have worked at and around sour gas plants for more than 35 years. I have some experience with the Weyburn CO2 flood and the Harmattan CO2 injection.

John Williams
Carstairs

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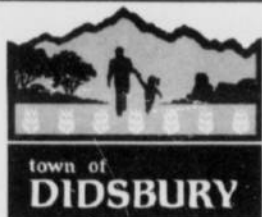
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PUBLIC MEETINGS & NOTICES

REGULAR TOWN COUNCIL MEETING:

Tuesday March 31, 2009 at 7:00 p.m. in Council Chambers

MUNICIPAL PLANNING COMMISSION:

Wednesday March 25, 2009 at 4:30 p.m. in Council Chambers

The Town Office will be closed the second Friday of every month from Noon to 1:00 pm (March 13, 2009)

NEW DEVELOPMENT PERMIT APPLICATIONS

THE FOLLOWING DEVELOPMENT PERMITS HAVE BEEN ISSUED FOR THE FOLLOWING PROPOSED DEVELOPMENTS:

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DP 16-09 13 Bluebird Drive	Single Family Dwelling with Conditions	R2
DP 17-09 1601 - 25 Avenue	Develop Residence and Shop with Conditions	I1
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DP 19-09 2154 - 18 Avenue	Demolition and Rebuild Daycare with Conditions	IS
DP 20-09 1512—19 Avenue	Deck with Conditions	R2

Further information may be obtained at the Town Office, 2037 - 19 Avenue or by calling 403-335-3391. Person(s) wishing to appeal any of these decisions must do so in writing, with the appropriate fees, to the Secretary, Development Appeal Board, prior to 4:30 p.m. on **March 24, 2009**

Robert Wigg, Development Officer

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•**RED CROSS FIRST AID** - Receive your Standard First Aid Course. April 4 and 5 from 8:30 am to 4:30 pm. Course to be held at Didsbury Neighborhood Place. Cost is \$130.00+GST.

For more info or to register, call DNP at 403-335-8719

Land Use Bylaw Preparation

The Town of Didsbury is in the process of reviewing the existing Land Use Bylaw 04-13 and developing a new Land Use Bylaw. The purpose of the Land Use Bylaw is to set out land use districts and prescribe and regulate the purpose for which land and buildings may be used in each district. The Bylaw also establishes a method for making decisions on applications to ensure the orderly development of land and buildings within the Town of Didsbury.

The Town is seeking input and comments from the Town's residents and welcomes your written responses on the draft by March 20th 2009. The draft copy of the new Bylaw will be available on the Town's Web site at www.didsbury.ca, or you may pick up a copy at the Town office between regular business hours 8:30am to 4:30pm Monday to Friday starting on March 10, 2009.

Comments may be made by email to kboyd@didsbury.ca, rwigg@didsbury.ca, by mail to Box 790 Didsbury T0M0W0 or fax to 403-335-9794.

Council is proposing to proceed to first reading of the Bylaw on March 31, 2009 and is tentatively scheduling a public hearing on April 21, 2009 to hear comments from affected persons and to make a decision with respect to second and third readings and adoption of the new Bylaw.

Questions may also be directed to the Planning and Development Department at 403-335-3391.

Bylaw Corner - Prohibition of Fireworks Bylaw

The prohibition of fireworks bylaw was enacted to give law enforcement in the community to deal with issues surrounding the inappropriate use of fireworks. People were complaining about being woken up in the middle of the night and thought they were being woken by gun shots.

This issue was more than a noise bylaw issue since it made people afraid. A large truck operating in a residential area at night would be considered an annoyance and this issue is more than that. Council decided to enact this fireworks bylaw prohibiting the possession and use of fireworks within the Town limits without a permit from the Fire Chief. The penalties for violating the provisions of this bylaw range from \$54 to \$432. It is understood that people will want to use fireworks for legitimate reasons. For those people wishing to, they can get a permit through the Town Office from the Fire Chief.

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GARBAGE RATES

As of March 2009 Garbage rates have increased to \$19.83 from \$19.73.

Grizzly bear awareness key to safety: group

First-ever Bear Awareness Week planned for April 20 - 25

BY DAN SINGLETON
For the Didsbury Review

The death of a Didsbury hunter attacked by a grizzly bear last summer has sparked one group of area residents to take action to raise bear awareness.

The Mountain View BearSmart Group was formed following the death of Didsbury bow hunter Robert Wagner near the Little Red Deer River southeast of Sundre last September.

Wagner was the second hunter fatality caused by a grizzly bear in the Sundre

area in less than a year, prompting widespread public concern and a call for increased public awareness and notification of bears in the area.

The newly formed Mountain View BearSmart Group has announced plans to spearhead the first-ever Bear Awareness Week in the region April 20 - 25.

The five-day event is designed to improve community safety by increasing public knowledge of bears and the potential danger they can pose.

During a public informa-



ROBERT WAGNER

tion meeting sponsored by the Sundre Fish and Game Association at the Legion Hall on March 3, officials said the Awareness Week will be held in Sundre, Didsbury, Elkton and Cremona, including school



Carla Victor/Didsbury Review

The Mountain View BearSmart group is planning the first-ever Bear Awareness Week for April 20-25.

presentations and a Family Day on April 25.

Like other BearSmart programs elsewhere in the province and across Canada, the new Mountain View Group's goals include focusing on reducing bear-human conflicts and increasing bear awareness.

Bear attacks preventable

"This Bear Awareness

Week will provide the community and public with various opportunities to gain information on bear ecology, ways to reduce human-wildlife contact and increase human safety in bear country," said Chiarastella Feder, a BearSmart project leader with Sustainable Resource Development and one of the week's principal organizers.

"The week will include workshops and bear-safety courses for youth of elementary and senior high classes and presentations with guest speakers. There will also be a day entirely dedicated to families with fun activities and displays aimed to increase bear awareness."

The family day events will all be held at the Elkton Campground,

southeast of Sundre, and will also include presentations of Karelian Bear Dogs, information on aversive conditioning, and public workshops.

In conjunction with Bear Awareness Week, the Didsbury Review will be running a special section that will include articles on bear safety and will highlight writings and drawings from local youth.

Work already underway by the Mountain View BearSmart Group includes a new survey of area residents, the preparation of a risk hazard assessment, mapping of natural and non-natural attractants, she said.

Feder was one of three speakers at last week's SFGA Bear Facts information meeting.

See Awareness on page 7

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Awareness

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During her talk to about 60 guests, Feder said humans can play a big role in reducing human-bear conflict by reducing activities that attract bears, such as leaving garbage out.

"Bears and humans like exactly the same kind of landscape," said Feder. "If people are not careful conflicts occur. It is the responsibility of citizens to minimize conflicts. The solution is prevention. Any conflicts are preventable."

She noted that a fully-grown grizzly bear will eat about 25,000 calories a day, or the equivalent of 300 apples.

Other speakers at last week's SFGA information session included Gordon Stenhouse, a grizzly bear specialist who has studied the animals across western Alberta for more than a decade.

Stenhouse, with the Foothills Research Institute Grizzly Bear Program, said the latest statistics (from 2005) indicate there are 46 bears in the west country between Highway 11 and Highway 1, representing a density of 5.25 per square 1,000 kilometres.

"We face a serious management challenge, but grizzly bear populations can

recover," said Stenhouse. "The future of grizzly bears will be based on societal decision on how we use the finite land base."

"Everyone in this room knows about the things that are going on in Alberta in grizzly bear habitat. There's forestry, mining, oil and gas activity, recreation, and lots of residential expansion of people wanting to live in areas also shared by grizzly bears."

"We tend to focus a lot on industry when we talk about bear habitats and impacts, but we don't tend to focus as much on some of the recreation pressures that are taking place in Alberta. Ultimately we have to decide if we want grizzly bears on the landscape."

Grizzly poaching a problem

Jamie Bruha, with the province's Grizzly Bear Recovery Plan and Access Implications program also spoke.

He said poaching of bears along roadways is an ongoing problem across Alberta.

The grizzly bear recovery plan strategies include reducing mortality by restricting access to habitat areas,

reducing human-bear conflicts, track and maintain habitat, and educate the public, he said.

Program access management tools include improving initiatives for deactivation and reclamation (of backcountry industry roads), reducing attractiveness of forage species on access routes, targeting the use of forest land use zones (FLUZs), providing mandatory education of industrial workers working in grizzly bear areas, educating hunters, enhancing the application and content of BearSmart programs, and implementing traffic control measures in high-risk areas.


Mountain View County councillor Liz Negropontes asked Stenhouse whether

any grizzly bear studies are underway in the Little Red Deer River valley. He said no.


In an e-mail provided by a Sundre Fish and Game Association member following last week's meeting, the Willmore Wilderness Foundation said it recently conducted a grizzly bear survey in conjunction with the Alberta Fish and Game Association and the Rocky Mountain Traditional Research Institute.

The foundation says the survey indicates there may be more grizzlies in Alberta than previously thought.

"We are confident that the grizzly bear population will be adjusted upward," said foundation president Basil Leonard.



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RAMBLIN' ON • James Gerber of Didsbury Ramblers #1 carries the puck up the ice under the close watch a Kneehill Chiefs White player during a Novice hockey tournament held in Didsbury over the weekend.

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Community News

Royal Purple #317 News

On Wednesday, Feb. 11, the Royal Purple held its regular meeting, chaired by Honored Royal Lady Karen Smith. Our past Honored Royal Ladies (HRL) night was postponed to Wednesday, March 11 which is also our 41st birthday meeting.

Three ladies catered for a noon lunch on Friday, Feb. 13 for the Didsbury Lifeline Society. Much appreciation, ladies, for a job well done.

We were invited to Sundre Lodge for their meeting on Monday, Feb. 23 when Supreme Honored Royal Lady Brenda Johnston from

Sundre will make her official visit.

Congratulations to the Acme Elks who celebrated their 80th anniversary on Saturday, Feb. 28 with a supper and evening entertainment. Several ladies planned to attend.

Birthday greetings were sent to ladies Annie Pringle (Jan. 25), Val Hall (Jan. 31), and Ellen Tevendale (Feb. 2.) March birthday wishes to ladies Helen Newton (Mar. 10), Elinor Clarke (Mar. 20), and Helen Lane (Mar. 31.)

Our sympathy to P.D. Ellen Tevendale in the passing of her brother Volker Meier.

Our fashion show Committee is busy planning for a Spring Fashion

Show on Friday, May 1. It promises to be a most entertaining evening.

Our lodge is sponsoring a Free Fun Day at the Didsbury Aquatic Centre. The date of this event is to come later.

HRL Smith presented Secretary Joan Hannah with her seven year amethyst jewel.

Treasurer Irene Dickau was presented her seven year amethyst jewel by H.R.L. Smith.

HRL Smith was presented her HRL jewel with 2nd year bar by P.H.R.L. Kay Rylance.

We are invited to Calgary Lodge #7 on Monday, Mar. 2 for their meeting when Provincial President Kelly Larson

from Didsbury will be visiting.

Crossfield Lodge #261 will hold their birthday meeting and PHRLs night on Monday, March 9 at 7 p.m. Several ladies plan to attend.

Calgary Lodge #7 will be hosting a District Fun Day on Sunday, Mar. 29 at the Calgary Elks Club. This will be a fun time.

District Meeting will be held at Okotoks on Saturday, April 16. Plans are to take a bus for that day. Please try to attend. More information will come later.

The Wednesday, Mar. 11 meeting will be our past HRLs night and 41st birthday at 7 p.m.

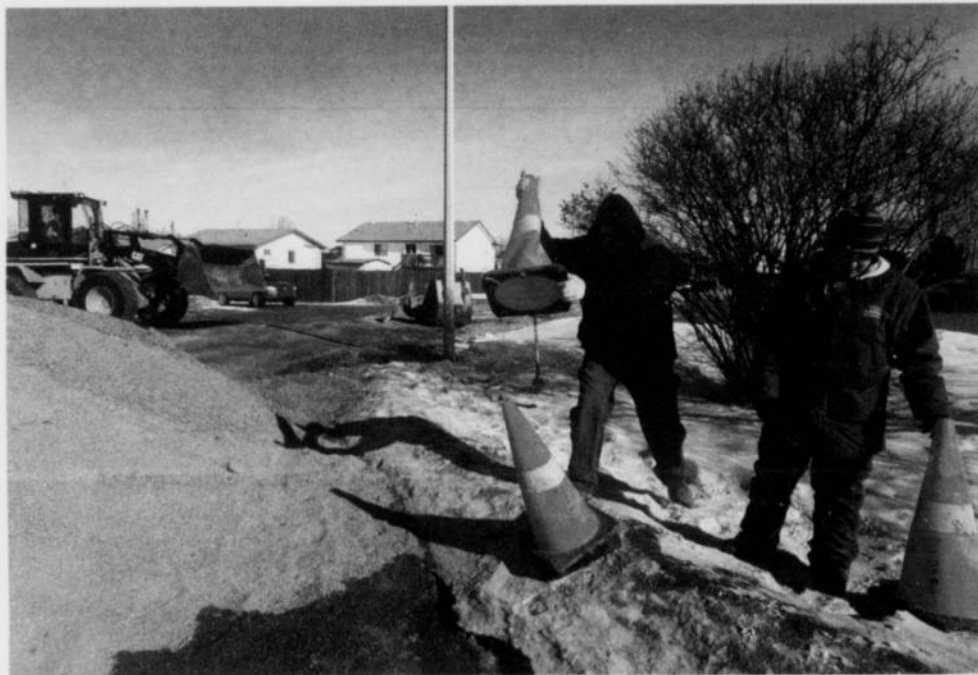
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CASH FOR KIDS - Stacey Lodermeier, an educational assistant with the Didsbury Preschool, accepts a cheque for \$1121.73 from Gallery of Floors owner Shaun Waite.

During the month of February, the store donated five cents from the sale of every square foot of flooring towards the planned construction of a new building for the preschool. "We're a community-based company [and] and we've got to help each other out," said Waite.



Carla Victor/Didsbury Review

WATER LEAK - Town of Didsbury public works staff work to clean up the site on Southridge Cres. after a water line break on Friday.



Tim DenOuden/Didsbury Review

COLLISION - A FortisAlberta worker cuts the wire of a downed electricity pole near the corner of 15 Ave. and 23 St. in Didsbury on Monday. A southbound pick-up truck slid on an icy patch on the road and struck the pole which came to rest on the box of the truck. No one was injured and the wires were not live at the time. Police are still investigating. Alcohol is not believed to have been a factor.

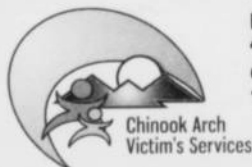
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Albertans will recycle 2 million litres of paint this year - 50% more than anticipated. To maintain the program and to build on this success, an increase is proposed in some of the environmental fees:

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Tires

Albertans have recycled 53 million tires since 1992. To keep this success story rolling, two adjustments are proposed to the environmental fee on tires:

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- A fee of \$4.50 would be placed on farm and small off-road tires

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- Those with a physician referral should bring the referral slip.

A sign up sheet will be available at rehab reception 15 minutes before the first appointment of each clinic day.

For more information call (403) 507-8118.



Feb. 27

9:30 a.m.
Police responded to a 9-1-1 ambulance assist dispatch in Didsbury of an older man who was in medical distress after mixing drugs and alcohol.

10:21 a.m.
A Didsbury bank contacted police to report having received a counterfeit bill.

10:45 a.m.
Police received a complaint of a hit and run in Carstairs. The offending party later reported the incident to police.

11:30 a.m.
A Didsbury resident reported arriving home to find an unknown male standing in the kitchen. The man indicated that he knew the children but fled the residence once the homeowner called the police. Police have identified the individual.

3:30 p.m.
Police received a complaint of an argument at the Carstairs high school between a woman and another individual who the woman said had parked in such a way as to prevent movement of her vehicle.

7:20 p.m.
Police received a report from Carstairs of a vehicle hitting a moose. No injuries were reported. It is not known if the moose survived.

Feb. 28

1:30 a.m.
A vehicle was reported to be travelling at high speed on Hwy. 2A, veering dangerously and almost causing an accident.

5 p.m.
Police received a report that the occupants of a vehicle travelling northbound on the QEII Highway appeared to be drinking. Police were able to intercept the vehicle.

6 p.m.
Police received a complaint of a single-vehicle rollover in which one person had been injured. However, the driver was not at the scene when police arrived. The fire department, which had arrived shortly before, also reported not having seen the driver. Police found that the driver had taken the vehicle from his spouse without consent and that there were outstanding warrants for his arrest. Soon after, the man was located and arrested.

Police briefs

BY TIM DENOUDSTEN
Didsbury Review

Mar. 1

7 p.m.
A complaint was received that a vehicle resembling a Ford Bronco had run a red light in Carstairs. No licence plate was provided. Police patrolled the area but did not locate the vehicle.

8:50 p.m.
Police on patrol in Carstairs observed a vehicle passing through a stop sign without stopping. The driver was also noted not to be wearing a seatbelt. Police stopped the vehicle. The driver admitted that he was intoxicated and told police, "You might as well take me in."

Police found the man's blood-alcohol level to be well over the legal limit and he was arrested for driving while intoxicated.

9:20 p.m.
Police observed an individual drinking liquor in a Carstairs parking lot in violation of a court order forbidding him from consuming alcohol. The man was arrested and taken into custody.

Mar. 2

9:39 a.m.
A Didsbury gas station reported to police that \$30 of fuel had been taken without payment.

2 p.m.
Police received a complaint of an abandoned vehicle in a Cremona parking lot. Police contacted the owner.

2:23 p.m.
Police received a report of a female in pink jogging pants crawling down the street and refusing assistance. Police attended and determined the woman to be intoxicated and in need of medical attention.

Mar. 3

12:48 p.m.
Police responded to a complaint of four males fighting outside of a Didsbury restaurant. By the time police arrived, the combatants had left the scene, but they were soon located and spoken to by police. The fight was

determined to have been mutually agreed upon by all parties and no charges were laid.

3 p.m.
A Water Valley resident contacted police to complain that his neighbour's construction work was causing too much noise.

4:45 p.m.
Police received a complaint of a truck weaving from side to side as it travelled southbound down the middle of Range Road 20. Police were not in a position to intercept the vehicle.

Mar. 4

12:48 p.m.
Police received a call from the QEII Highway that a tire had come off of a southbound utility trailer and struck a northbound vehicle.

6:20 p.m.
Two vehicles were reported to be racing and weaving in and out of traffic on the QEII Highway. The complainant did not provide licence plate information and police were not in a position to intercept the vehicles.

6:30 p.m.
Police received a complaint from Cremona of two vehicles - a pickup truck and a minivan - speeding and driving erratically.

9:10 p.m.
A Water Valley resident reported that his vehicle had sustained damage after a hit-and-run.

9:20 p.m.
A woman driving in Didsbury contacted police reporting that she believed she was being followed by another vehicle. An immediate police patrol could not find a vehicle matching the woman's description.

Mar. 5

2 a.m.
Police responded to an alarm at a Cremona gas station. Cigarettes had been stolen.

4:45 a.m.
Police received a call from a woman who had been travelling on a Mountain View County road with her three children when she pulled her vehicle over onto the shoulder because of poor visibility caused by blowing snow. The woman told police that she had been there since 11 p.m. the previous night. Police attended and brought all of them to safety.

Weight-loss industry should be regulated, say doctors

BY DAN SINGLETON
For the Review

With the Canadian Medical Association calling for the weight-loss industry to be officially regulated, health-care providers are reminding residents to always put safety first when it comes to undertaking any diet program.

Tanya Sander, public health dietician with the David Thompson Health Region, says there are things to look for and things to look out for when it comes to any diet program.

"We aim for a weight loss goal of no more than two pounds a week for adults, no really fast weight loss ideas," said Sander.

A second key thing to look for is a nutritionally balanced diet that includes all four food groups - vegetable and fruits, grains, milk and alternatives, and meat and alternatives.

A good plan should also include regular physical activity, she said.

"We recommend 30 to 60 minutes of regular activity for adults. We would encourage either walking or some other activity. It doesn't have to be a specific activity, just one that gets you out there being active. And it doesn't have to be one that costs," she said.

The program should also include what she calls 'long-term, realistic lifestyle changes.'

"And that's not the quick-fix fad diets," she said.

Things to avoid in a diet plan include one that calls for overly low calorie intake.

"If you are restricting food and you are not getting adequate nutrient intake it can lead to nutrient deficiencies. That's why

we encourage the balanced diet," she said.

Any weight-loss company that is trying to sell you a product or products should also be avoided, she said.

"We aim for a weight loss goal of no more than two pounds a week for adults, no really fast weight loss ideas."

TANYA SANDER
*public health dietician
DTHR*

"They might be making commissions off that and they really shouldn't be trying to sell you anything," she said. "And if they are requiring you to sign a long-term expensive contact you need to be aware of that as well."

All weight loss counselors should have proper training and credentials, she added.

Anyone looking for more information on diet safety can call the DTHR lifestyles

program office at 1-403-343-4488.

"Through that we offer approved sessions based on healthy lifestyles. That's based on a doctor's referral, so they are booked into the program through doctor's referral. They can always make an appointment with a doctor and take it from there," she said.

Jennifer Richardson, the DTHR's clinic dietician, can be reached at 1-403-507-8111, while Sanders can be reached at 1-403-507-8162.

In its latest editorial published in its Journal magazine, the CMA said the multi-billion weight-loss industry is a "morass of fantastical claims of products and programs promising quick, easy, long-lasting results."

"Although experts agree that obesity management requires long-term behavioural, medical or surgical intervention, the majority of commercial weight-loss providers manipulate vulnerable consumers with impunity, cultivating unrealistic expectations and false beliefs," the CMA said.

"Failure to impose and enforce penalties for false or misleading weight-loss

claims results in a major public health hazard. Not only are patients being swindled, but it is also reasonable to assume that those who have had multiple failed attempts at fraudulent programs are less likely to engage in evidence-based approaches."

The CMA is calling on governments to require formal accreditation of weight-loss providers to ensure quality and to provide consumers with an easily recognizable means of identifying evidence-based services.

As well, the CMA says governments must pass legislation to subject weight-loss products to regulatory approval before they can be marketed, as has recently been proposed for other therapeutic products not presently covered by current drug-approval regulations.

"This would give health and drug directorates the power to require manufacturers of weight-loss supplements to substantiate their claims scientifically and eliminate the lure of 'weight-loss in a bottle' scams," said the CMA.

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In and Around Didsbury

Marge St Clair

Wed. Mar. 11

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The Didsbury and District Chamber of Commerce general meeting is being held tonight starting at 7 p.m. Place yet to be announced, phone the chamber office 403-335-3265 for info.

This is the evening of the Carstairs Women's Dessert night at 7 p.m. at the Carstairs Golf Club. Special feature, music and speaker. Please reserve your seat by phoning Deb at 403-337-2487 or Maria 403-337-0122. Your reservation should be honoured, given to a friend or cancelled.

Saturday, March 14

St. Anthony's Catholic Church will be holding the Eucharistic Mass Service at 7 p.m. There will be a general meeting following the service. Theresa McNeil at 403-335-8611 has more info.

Sun. Mar. 15

The Didsbury Figure Skating Club is presenting the annual Ice Carnival at 2 p.m. at the Didsbury Arena. This will be a joyous afternoon watching all the young skaters.

Regrets from Bea. She said she is taking an early "spring break", therefore, no extra trips in March. Casino trip only on Mar. 25.

The annual Figure Skating Carnival is being held from 2 to 5 p.m. at the Didsbury Arena. You are most welcome to come and watch these young performers. There is no admission charge.

March 16 to 21

This is the time of the annual St. Patrick's Closing Mixed Bonspiel at the Didsbury Curling Rink. Sign in at the rink when you are there curling, phone the rink at 403-335-3661 or Shirley at 403-335-3836.

Thursday, March 19

There will be a very informative meeting tonight at the Olds Legion at 7:30 p.m. The Honourable Ron Liepert, Minister of Health and Wellness will be the guest speaker. There could be many questions for him to answer.

Sunday, March 22

St. Anthony's Parish turkey supper is being held today from 3 to 7 p.m. at the Zion Evangelical Church gymnasium. Everyone welcome.

Monday March 23

The Didsbury and District Community Bus is going to the Bert Church Theatre in Airdrie on Friday, April 3, but your MONEY MUST BE IN BY TODAY. The play is "Ten Lost Years", a story of a generation who lived their formative years during the Great Depression. It portrays the courage and humour of the people. The bus will leave the Complex at 6:30 p.m. Please call Bea at 403-335-3058 to reserve your seat.

Saturday, March 28

The Mountainview Colts, taken out of the playoffs by Red Deer, will be holding their season end awards banquet in the Multi-Purpose Room at the Didsbury Complex. Watch for tickets to go on sale at Home Hardware and other town businesses. Always a great evening for all.

Commentary

'Free' education can prove expensive

IAN TAYLOR



As a boy I used to love listening to my grandmother recount tales from her childhood in the late 1800s. She was the oldest of eight children and consequently had to spend much of her early years helping to look after her younger siblings. This meant that she did not often go to school. When she did, it was to a place run by an old lady who charged a penny a day per pupil. (I later learned in some education course I did that these were called "Dame Schools".) Grandmother said that the old lady seemed to spend most of her time sleeping and that the only thing she remembers learning about was the Great Wall of China. Somewhere along the line she did learn to read and write, though her handwriting, even as an old lady, was large and rounded like that of a child.

It's a great example of "user-pay" or "pay-as-you-go," terms that we are increasingly familiar with. By the time my parents were ready for school, governments had twigged to the benefits of having a literate, obedient workforce, and an informed citizenry. Universal, compulsory, free education was the order of the day even if for most students it ended at Grade 8 and focused on the basics. "No frills" is a good description, although my Dad could always put me to

shame with his mental arithmetic abilities; a skill taught then I presume as an requirement to be a proficient shop clerk or to check change in a pre-calculator age.

All this came to mind recently after I had attended a school council meeting at Westglen School. The topic of fundraising, in this case the magazine sales, was brought up by one of the parents. He was also curious as to what the money was used for and if it was enough. It also coincided with a recent ski trip by Westglen students that was subsidized financially by the Israelson family in memory of Sharon, who loved this event.

Principal Jeff Thompson explained that there are a number of activities at school - things like the ski trip, sports teams with their competitions, and special guest speakers whose talks generally have an inspiring message, that are not necessarily funded by the school budget. Yet these are the very things that for most students make school memorable and special. Students are asked to pay towards these events and some of the expense is covered out of the fundraising. In some cases of need the cost is covered entirely by the fundraising budget, so allowing less fortunate students to participate.

Parents know that having a child, and more especially children, in school, can be expensive. Besides the ongoing "activity" expenses throughout the year mentioned previously, there are school fees, materials like scribbles and pencil crayons, (and nowadays probably a computer at home), special clothes for courses like band and Phys. Ed., and school pictures.

In high school, the extra costs can climb quickly. Let's take Joe as a hypothetical Grade 11 student. This year Joe is taking some shop courses and will be making several big projects to take home. He will have to pay for the materials since they are not covered by the basic school fee.

He's also been in band since middle school and recently decided to upgrade his trombone, a cost he and his family will have to bear. The high school band is taking an out of province trip this year which may cost him in the hundreds of dollars, some of which he may be able to cover through working in fundraising events.

He's a popular student and would like to purchase school themed merchandise offered by outside vendors; jewelry, school jackets, and of course the yearbook, are the most common things for sale. Next year he'll be graduating and for now we don't even want to think of the expense involved. It's a good thing that he has a part-time job at the service station.

With the current economic woes I wonder how much of the "extracurricular" part of school will be adversely affected. Education is free in the sense that there is no direct charge to parents for instructional or "custodial" services but associated school activities can put quite a hole in the household budget. On the other hand, you get what you pay for. That penny a day for my grandmother looks very cheap, and that's just what kind of education she had.

The opinions expressed here are my own, not necessarily those of the board. If you wish to contact me about educational matters you may do so by phone at 403-335-8575 or via e-mail at nanatee@telusplanet.net.

Ian Taylor is the Chinook's Edge School Division trustee for Didsbury and area.

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Grizzlys start second round of playoffs in style

BY ANDREW WILD
For the Review

The Olds Grizzlys are hoping to continue the momentum as their second round series with Okotoks shifts back to the Olds Sports Complex this week.

Hot on the heels of the team's dramatic win over the Drumheller Dragons in game five of the opening round South Division series, the Grizzlys posted a 5-2 win over the Oilers in the first game of the best of seven quarterfinal series.

First period goals from Matt Marantz and Brance Orban got the Grizzlys off to a quick start against the Okotoks squad in Sunday night's series lid-lifter. Nic Bourgeois and Sean Neumeier extended the local junior A team's lead to 4-0 before the Oilers scored two straight goals midway through the third before Jordan Kwas iced it with two minutes left.

Marc Boulanger made 21 stops to post the victory, his fourth of the playoffs.

Games three and four will be back at the Olds Sports Complex on Wednesday and Thursday night respectively. Game time is 7:30 p.m. on both nights.

The Grizzlys qualified for the second round after finally dispatching the stubborn Drumheller Dragons on Friday evening.

Goals by Shadoc Stoodley, Brance Orban, Sean Neumeier, Nic Bourgeois and Curtis deBruyn led to the first of consecutive 5-2 wins for the home-standing Grizzlys.

According to deBruyn, the

team captain who posted three points in Friday's series clincher and two points in Sunday's second round opener, it was the perfect response after the disappointment of losing game four in double overtime and spending the night on the bus in Torrington due to whiteout conditions.

"I think we've all seen better sleeps before," he smiled. "It wasn't a ton of fun but it just kind of shows what kind of team we are."

The other thing that struck the players about the Drumheller series was the support they received in game five from Grizzly fans.

Forward Sean Neumeier said it was loud in the arena and fun to play in front of the nearly 1,300 fans packed into the stands.

"It was pretty exciting to play in front of them and I'm glad they came out ... I hope they come out like that all the time," he enthused.

The pesky centre said the lessons learned from the series with Drumheller would stay with them through the remainder of their playoff run. He said they plan to use it during the remainder of the Okotoks series.

"We just have to put a solid game together every night," Neumeier explained. "We can't take any periods off and we found that out in (the Drumheller) series, if you take a period off it can really bite you."

Game two in the series went Monday night in Okotoks after press deadline. Check our website at oldsalbertan.ca for the most up-to-date information.



NO GOAL, NO PROBLEM - Olds Grizzlys' Corey Campbell and Jordan Kwas react to a disallowed goal during Friday's fifth and deciding game against Drumheller. The no goal call didn't affect the outcome as the Grizzlys won 5-2.

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160. Marriages

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August 15th, 2009

130. Coming Events

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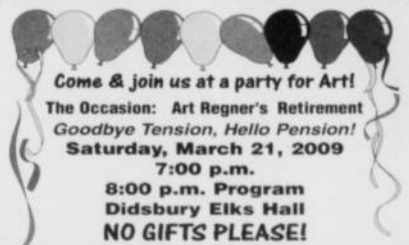
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190. Announcements

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Come & join us at a party for Art!

The Occasion: Art Regner's Retirement

Goodbye Tension, Hello Pension!

Saturday, March 21, 2009

7:00 p.m.

8:00 p.m. Program

Didsbury Elks Hall

NO GIFTS PLEASE!

510. Legal Notices

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS AND CLAIMANTS IN THE COURT OF QUEEN'S BENCH OF ALBERTA SURROGATE MATTERS JUDICIAL DISTRICT OF CALGARY

IN THE ESTATE OF MAY FRANCES DUNSMORE
 late of Didsbury, Alberta who died on the 19th day of
 January, 2009

If you have a claim against this Estate, you must file your claim by
 the 1st day of April, 2009 and provide details of your claim with:

Stiles & Naqi, Barristers and Solicitors
 Solicitors for the Personal Representatives
 209 - 10 Avenue S.
 Box 790, Carstairs, Alberta
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If you do not file by the date above, the estate property can
 lawfully be distributed without regard to any claim you may
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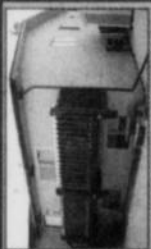
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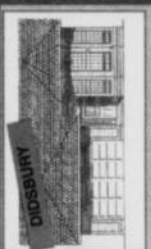
RENOVATED FAMILY HOME
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4 bedroom, 2 bathroom, double-detached garage, RV parking, fireplace, new cupboards, counter-top and paved alley.



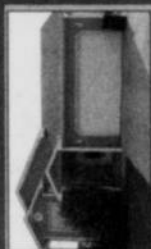
HERITAGE HOME
\$159,900
Over 1600 sq.ft. total of 4 bedrooms. Big yard and big trees. Sold as a handyman project.



TOTAL RENOVATION
\$164,900
3 bdrm, 1129 sq.ft. Townhouse. New stainless steel appliances, new cabinetry, new countertops, new carpet and many more show home qualities.



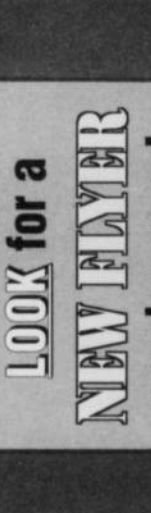
WALK-OUT BUNGALOW
\$299,900
1235 sq.ft., 3 bdrm, walk-out bungalow backing onto Valarosa Pond. Experience the country feel of this new subdivision in Didsbury.



QUIET CUL DE SAC
\$319,900
4 bedrooms, 1108 sq.ft., 2 bathrooms and fully finished basement. Deck, shed and nicely landscaped lot with dbl. attached garage. Close to Didsbury High School.



QUALITY CRAFTSMANSHIP
\$299,900
1236 sq.ft., 3 bedrooms, fireplace, ceramic tile and hardwood, backing onto green space.



ATTENTION INVESTORS
\$249,900
Complete renovation. Rent both upper and lower suites. Great location, great value, great price.



CARSTAIRS BI-LEVEL
\$308,500
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CARSTAIRS BI-LEVEL
\$314,900
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WEST OF CARSTAIRS
\$549,900
Selling the old homestead, 80 acres of crop and pasture land with a farm bungalow, barn, other out buildings and large shop. Set up your hobby farm and/or raise your family.



EXECUTIVE LIVING
\$729,900
Rosebud Estates, 1.69 acres, 2 story design in elegant living. Amazing views from full walk-out basement. 2313 sq.ft., 4 bedrooms, open spaces, vaulted ceilings, hardwood, ceramic tile plus much more.



FAMILY HOME
\$349,900
5 bedroom, 4 Level Split, fully finished, hardwood and big back yard on corner lot. Westpoint, Didsbury.



GORGEOUS 2 STOREY
\$479,000
2397 sq.ft. Lots of windows, formal dining room, great curb appeal, large veranda, 3 bedrooms, with loft and separate computer room.



BEAUTIFUL ACREAGE
\$569,900
153 acres, 1385 sq.ft. renovated home that includes hardwood, new appliances and a fresh coat of paint. With barn, Quonset and other outbuildings and sheds.



NEW SUB-DIVISION BUNGALOW
\$349,900
1618 sq. ft., spacious layout, 3 bedrooms, formal dining room, granite countertop, hardwood floors, south-facing rear yard, main-floor laundry, 9' ceilings. Exceptional new build.



CARSTAIRS NEW BUILD
\$429,000
1987 sq.ft., open design, large bonus room, main floor laundry, soaker tub, 3 large bedrooms, roughed-in bath in basement.



BEAUTIFUL ACREAGE
\$569,900
153 acres, 1385 sq.ft. renovated home that includes hardwood, new appliances and a fresh coat of paint. With barn, Quonset and other outbuildings and sheds.



WALKOUT 1/2 DUPLEX (+45)
\$324,000
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UNIQUE BUNGALOW
\$424,900
22'x24' dbl. attached garage. A total of 1396 sq.ft. of living space including 5 bedrooms. A theatre room in the finished basement, with 9' walls. Great family home in Olds.



EAGLE HILL ROLLING HILLS
\$559,900
20 acres of beauty with 2 story house, barn, dbl. detached garage and 2 Quonsets. Great location of livestock and all close to home. Bring the family and settle down on this piece of paradise.



SUNDRE ACREAGE
\$599,900
1600 sq.ft. bi-level home located NW of Sundre, AB. Total of 7 bedrooms in this beauty, oversized dbl. garage, plus quonset. 26 acres (more or less).

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INVESTMENT OPPORTUNITY
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